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1. SUMMARY. MALAYSIA'S CHIEF POLICE OFFICER DETAILS
GOVERNMENT SUCCESSES AGAINST COMMUNISTS IN 1976. PRESENTATION
STRIKES US AS REFRESHINGLY STRAIGHTFORWARD AND HIGHLY PLAUSIBLE
REVIEW OF YEAR THAT SAW IMPORTANT BREAKTHROUGHS BY GOM IN
DISRUPTING COMMUNISTS UNDERGROUND SUPPORT MECHANISM.
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2. IN A LENGTHY STATEMENT (WRITTEN TEXT IN ENGLISH 17 PAGES
LONG) BROADCAST OVER RADIO/TV MALAYSIA DEC 30, INSPECTOR
GENERAL OF POLICE (IGP) TAN SRI MOHAMED HANIFF OMAR
REVIEWED GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES' SUCCESSES
DURING 1976 AGAINST COMMUNIST UNDERGROUND AND COMMUNIST
TERRORIST (CT) UNITS. IN HIS STATEMENT, THE IGP

PROVIDED ADDITIONAL DETAILS HE HAD PROMISED WHEN HE SPOKE TO PRESS ON SAME SUBJECT DEC 23 (REPORTED REF A). EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED FULL ENGLISH TEXT WHICH WE WILL FORWARD VIA AIRGRAM TO ADDRESSES.

3. HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE DETAILED COMPARATIVE STATISTICS INTER ALIA SHOWING CT LOSSES (59 KILLED, CAPTURED OR SURRENDERED IN 1976 PLUS 1,091 UNDERGROUND MEMBERS OR SUPPORTERS ARRESTED COMPARED TO 42 AND 748 RESPECTIVELY IN 1975) AND GOVT SECURITY FORCE CASUALTIES (33 BATTLE DEATHS, 90 WOUNDED, 1 ASSASSINATED, COMPARED TO RESPECTIVE FIGURES OF 43, 150, AND 9 IN 1975); CONFIRMATION THAT PREVIOUS IGP'S ASSASSINS IN JUNE 7, 1974, ATTACK WERE KILLER SQUAD AFFILIATED TO MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTY FACTION (CPM-ML), SUPPOSEDLY AIMED AT DISRUPTING ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN GOM AND PRC. SAME FACTION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR BANK ROBBERY IN K.L. ENVIRONS LAST JUNE THAT NETTED CT'S M80,000 RINGGIT (US\$32,000), HANIFF REPORTED.

4. COMMENT: HANIFF'S STATEMENT, ALTHOUGH PROMOTING THE GOM'S POINT OF VIEW, IS A WELL ORGANIZED AND HIGHLY CREDIBLE DOCUMENT, CONTAINING CONSIDERABLE USEFUL INFORMATION, INCLUDING HERETOFORE CLASSIFIED INFORMATION THAT WE BELIEVE TO BE ACCURATE AND WHICH HAS BEEN USED IN BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS BY POLICE OF SELECTED FOREIGN DIPLOMATS. THE IGP NOTED THAT THIS STATEMENT IS INTENDED TO SUPPLEMENT AND UPDATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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